

Remarks

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 and 23 are amended and Claims 7-10, 29-32, 38-53 and 56 are cancelled. Entry of the Amendment, and favorable consideration thereof, is earnestly requested. Claims 1-6, 11-28, 33-37, 54 and 55 are currently pending.

A Decision on Appeal affirming the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-8, 10-30 and 32-56 of the present application was mailed on December 22, 2009. However, in the Office Action mailed February 11, 2008, the Examiner acknowledged that Claims 9 and 31 contain allowable subject matter, explicitly stating that "Nelson and Hammon individually or in combination do not disclose an instruction to force a match wherein the system continues processing the trade." As such, Claims 9 and 31 were not subject to appeal.

Claim 1 is amended herein to include all limitations of allowable Claim 9 and intervening Claim 7, and Claims 7-10 are cancelled. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1, as well as all claims that ultimately depend therefrom (i.e., Claims 2-6, 11-22 and 54) are allowable for the reasons already indicated by the Examiner.

Similarly, Claim 23 is amended herein to include all limitations of allowable Claim 31 and intervening Claim 29, and Claims 29-32 are cancelled. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 23, as well as all claims that ultimately depend therefrom (i.e., Claims 24-28, 33-37 and 55) are allowable for the reasons already indicated by the Examiner.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, Claims 1-6, 11-28, 33-37, 54 and 55, are patentable over the references of record, and earnestly solicits allowance of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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